

# Evening Telegraph

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1864.

## CATHEDRAL DEDICATION.

**DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL—SERMONS AND IMPOSING CEREMONIES.—THE SERMON BY BISHOP SPALDING.—VERY IMPOSING RELIGIOUS PAGEANT.—VAST CONCOURSE OF PEOPLE, &c.**

Yesterday was a great day among the Catholics of Philadelphia. The grand Cathedral of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, which has been in progress of construction for over twenty years, was dedicated with solemn and impressive ceremony, and presented a vast concourse of people, and of many of the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church in this and other dioceses.

An early hour of the morning, the crowd began to gather in the vicinity of the massive structure, a full description of which was given in THE EVENING TELEGRAPH. The services of the day, consisting of the consecration of the building and the offering of the sacrifice of the Mass, were performed with great solemnity and impressiveness.

The services were merely impromptu, and like the altar, were erected to meet the exigencies of the occasion.

At the hour appointed the procession passed from the chapel on Summer street up Summer street to Lombard, and thence down Broad, and so on, according to the route it entered the square, and thence to the front door of the Cathedral, where the ceremony of the blessing commenced and concluded with a circuit of the building had been made. This ceremony consisted in the chanting of psalms, swinging of the incense, and sprinkling the water in the name of the church.

At the close of the service the procession entered the main court of the cathedral, seated in the various and magnificent robes of their respective orders, and remained until the organ was opened to the choir, and the following:

—The Second Master of Ceremonies, Mr. FRASER.—Brothers of Christian Schools, and Brothers of the Holy Cross.

—The General Presidents of the Preparatory and Theological Seminaries, including those of St. Charles Borromeo.

—Reverend Clergy of the Diocese, in case or chapter.

—Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy of the Diocese, in chapter, without spot or maniple.

VII.—Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy of other Dioceses, in chapter, without spot or maniple.

VIII.—Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy of the Diocese, in case (with amice over the surplice).

IX.—Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy of other Dioceses, in case (with amice over the surplice).

X.—Muted Absols.

XI.—Reverend Bishops in cope and mitre, attended by their choristers.

XII.—Reverend F. W. FORD, D. D., chaplain, in cope and mitre, attended by Assistant Priest, Deacon of Honor, Deacon and Sub-Deacon, and Sub-Deacon.

XIII.—Most Reverend Archbishops from other Provinces in cope and mitre, attended by Chaplains and Mitred Priests, Deacons and Sub-Deacons, and Sub-Deacons.

XIV.—Most Reverend Archbishops and Prelates, attended by their choristers.

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XIX.—Most Reverend Bishops in cope and mitre, attended by their choristers.

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